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MESSAGE: The following is applicant's AMENDMENT "A", for review by Examiner Sotelo and for entry into the application file.

Also enclosed is a complete claim listing, an amended version of paragraph [038], One replacement drawing sheet and a Certificate of Facsimile Transmission.

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WATERCRAFT**

AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action directed to the above named application mailed on September 9, 2004, please amend the specification and claims of the application as discussed herein.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.